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| <b>Meeting Minutes</b> | <b>June 2, 2016</b> | <b>Cutter Gallery</b> |
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**In attendance:** Commissioners Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Adria Arch, Jonathan Hyde, and Aimee Taberner. **Absent:** Carla Dorato, Barbara Costa, Leland Stein. **Guests:** Cecily Miller, APA consultant; Ted Paluso; and Sheldon Hampton

The meeting was called to order at 8:45am.

- **Minutes:** Minutes from May 5 And May 23, 206, were approved unanimously.
- **Cultural District:** Town Counsel has approved the language for the Cultural District Resolution that will go before the BOS on June 6. Jan Whitted from Capital Square has joined the Managing Partnership. The application is close to completion and will then be sent in to the MCC.
- **Cultural Planning:** There's a balance of \$2,235.43 in ACAC's FY16 budget available for the "bridge the gap" public art initiative. Adam Chapdelaine and Jenny Raitt have indicated there is a procedure that would allow the funds to roll over for expenditure by the fall. Miller expressed her concern that the goal of getting concepts for creative wayfinding between Arlington Center and Capitol Square may be overly ambitious. The consensus was that we should convene a small group of artists to brainstorm ideas, followed by a public forum to present the concepts and get feedback. Next steps: Miller will discuss the idea with artists who have experience in creative place making. She will also discuss the initiative with Meri Jenkins at the MCC.
- **Website:** Ted Paluso told the Commission that he plans to finance the development of a town-wide tourism web site. He also offered to develop two additional sites for ACAC and the Cultural District. Alan Jones, who would build the sites, was unable to attend so no details were available about issues such as functionality, content, site management, and hosting. Taberner will notify the Cultural District Managing Partnership of the offer; the Commission took no action about the proposed ACAC site.
- **Sheldon Hampton** has developed a theater program at the Recreation Department and plans to collaborate with the Regent Theatre for performance space. He's interested in exploring other options for cultural collaborations.

- **Americans for the Arts Conference:** Costa, Marlin-Curiel, and Arch will attend AFTA sessions and network with attendees who have cultural planning expertise.
- **ACA Update:** ACA has responded to the RFP for space in the Central School. Costa, a ACA board member, characterized ACA's future as "still uncertain but hopeful." If ACA is successful in getting the space (or some other space), it will need major funds for renovations. In response, ACA has launched a Future Fund to solicit community support.

Discussion on MAPC funding, the *Penny* sculpture, Arlington Center Mass Ave redevelopment, and New Business was tabled until a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.